

**COUNTRY DATA: Lithuania : Information from the CIA World**

**INTRODUCTION**

Lithuanian lands were united under MINDAUGAS in 1236; over the next century, through alliances and conquest, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. An alliance with Poland in 1386 led the two countries into a union through the person of a common ruler. In 1569, Lithuania and Poland formally united into a single dual state, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. This entity survived until 1795 when its remnants were partitioned by surrounding countries. Lithuania regained its independence following World War I but was annexed by the USSR in 1940 - an action never recognized by the US and many other countries. On 11 March 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence, but Moscow did not recognize this proclamation until September of 1991 (following the abortive coup in Moscow). The last Russian troops withdrew in 1993. Lithuania subsequently restructured its economy for integration into Western European institutions; it joined both NATO and the EU in the spring of 2004.

**GEOGRAPHY**

<b>Location</b>	Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea, between Latvia and Russia
<b>Area</b>	total: 65,300 sq km country comparison to the world: 122 land: 62,680 sq km water: 2,620 sq km
<b>Climate</b>	transitional, between maritime and continental; wet, moderate winters and summers
<b>Natural Resources</b>	peat, arable land, amber
<b>Total Renewable Water Resources</b>	24.5 cu km (2005)
<b>Freshwater Withdrawal</b>	total: 3.33 cu km/yr (78%/15%/7%) per capita: 971 cu m/yr (2003)
<b>Natural Hazards</b>	N/A
<b>Environmental Issues</b>	contamination of soil and groundwater with petroleum products and chemicals at military bases

**PEOPLE**

<b>Population</b>	3,545,319 (July 2010 est.) country comparison to the world: 130
<b>Ethnic Groups</b>	Lithuanian 84%, Polish 6.1%, Russian 4.9%, Belarusian 1.1%, other or unspecified 3.9% (2009)
<b>Religions</b>	Roman Catholic 79%, Russian Orthodox 4.1%, Protestant (including Lutheran and Evangelical Christian Baptist) 1.9%, other or unspecified 5.5%, none 9.5% (2001 census)
<b>Languages</b>	Lithuanian (official) 82%, Russian 8%, Polish 5.6%, other and unspecified 4.4% (2001 census)
<b>Literacy Rate</b>	definition: age 15 and over can read and write total population: 99.6% male: 99.6% female: 99.6% (2001 census)
<b>Major Infectious Diseases</b>	
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	
<b>Type</b>	parliamentary democracy
<b>Independence</b>	11 March 1990 (declared); 6 September 1991 (recognized by the Soviet Union)
<b>Constitution</b>	adopted 25 October 1992; last amended 13 July 2004
<b>Legal System</b>	based on civil law system; legislative acts can be appealed to the constitutional court; has not accepted compulsory ICJ jurisdiction
<b>ECONOMY</b>	
<b>Agricultural Products</b>	grain, potatoes, sugar beets, flax, vegetables; beef, milk, eggs; fish
<b>Industries</b>	metal-cutting machine tools, electric motors, television sets, refrigerators and freezers, petroleum refining, shipbuilding (small ships), furniture making, textiles, food processing, fertilizers, agricultural machinery, optical equipment, electronic components, computers, amber jewelry
<b>Import commodities</b>	mineral products, machinery and equipment, transport equipment, chemicals, textiles and clothing, metals
<b>Import Partners</b>	Russia 30.1%, Germany 11.1%, Poland 9.9%, Latvia 6.3% (2009)
<b>Export Commodities</b>	mineral products 22%, machinery and equipment 10%, chemicals 9%, textiles 7%, foodstuffs 7%, plastics 7%
<b>Export Partners</b>	Russia 13.2%, Latvia 10%, Germany 9.6%, Poland 7.1%, Estonia 7.1%, Belarus 4.7%,

	UK 4.3% (2009)
<b>Per Capita GDP</b>	\$15,900 (2010 est.) country comparison to the world: 70 \$15,700 (2009 est.) \$18,400 (2008 est.) note: data are in 2010 US dollars
<b>Population below poverty line</b>	4% (2003)

**\*CITATIONS:** All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.

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#### General

Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	72.1
Average number of years in School (in years)	10.9
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	14,824

#### Gender Inequality

Female Seats in Parliament (%)	17.7
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	91.9
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	95.7
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	65.5
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	71.6
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	100

#### Poverty

Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	<2
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#### Empowerment

Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	21
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	11

<b>Sustainability</b>	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	62
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	9
Population without Access to Water (%)	..
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	..
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	0
<b>Human Security</b>	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	0.5
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	..
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	6
<b>Demographics</b>	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	67.0
<b>Health</b>	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	0.1
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	0.1
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	0.1
<b>Other</b>	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	..
Population without Electricity (%)	..

